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Letter dated 16 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 12 to 16 May 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 16 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (12 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: five in Damascus, three in Hama and one in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported four violations in the following governorates: two in Dar'a, one in Damascus and one in Homs.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out seven humanitarian operations, including:

Six operations carried out in Aleppo city, delivering 1.5 tons of food products to the local population;

Two and a half tons of food products delivered to the local population in Dar'a city.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 4 tons.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 1,279 people.

In total, 1,200 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,495.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (13 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: four in Damascus, two in Hama and two in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported three violations in the following governorates: one in Dar'a, one in Homs and one in Idlib.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

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Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (14 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported four incidents of gunfire: three in Damascus governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported two violations in Damascus governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out 10 humanitarian operations, including:

Operations carried out in Aleppo city, delivering 1.8 tons of food products to the local population;

Operations carried out in Qunaytirah governorate, delivering 1 ton of food packages to the local population;

Operations carried out in Ladhiqiyah governorate, delivering 1.9 tons of food packages and bedding.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 4.7 tons.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 1,421 people.

In total, 1,210 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,495.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (15 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: two in Damascus, two in Dar'a and two in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported three violations in Homs governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out five humanitarian operations, including:

Operations carried out in Aleppo city, delivering 4.8 tons of drinking water to the local population;

Operations carried out in Suwayda' governorate, delivering 1.3 tons of food packages to the local population.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 6.1 tons.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 1,921 people.

In total, 1,215 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire agreements have been signed with Umm al-Alaq and Nazihi in Suwayda' governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,497.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (16 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: four in Damascus, three in Hama and two in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported four violations: three in Hama governorate and one in Idlib governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out five humanitarian operations, including:

Operations carried out in Aleppo city, delivering 4.8 tons of drinking water to the local population;

The delivery of 1.6 tons of food products to the local population in Damascus city.

The total weight was 6.4 tons.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 2,032 people.

In total, 1,220 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

Three humanitarian operations were carried out through the United Nations:

Two humanitarian convoys were dispatched from Ramtha (Jordan) to Tall Shihab and Tayyibah in Dar'a governorate;

The Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,497.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.